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1. The Preparatory Committee of the Shanghai General Labor Union, established on 26 January 1949, was composed of the departments of Organization, Publicity, and Secretariat. The committee was responsible for the opening of the All-China Workers' Conference which was to draft and adopt the constitution* of the Shanghai General Labor Union.
2. The number of delegates to the All-Shanghai Workers' Conference was set at 1,600. Preliminary work on the draft was done by delegates who were divided into sixty units classified according to the various industries and trades. LIU Ming-yi (劉明一), vice-chairman of the All-China Federation of Labor, assisted the committee members in the preparation of the draft. The Preparatory Committee held three meetings. The first, on 9 December, attended by 120 persons, was held for workers who were active in the labor movement during the revolution of 1925; the second, 14 December, attended by 512 persons, was held in honor of those workers arrested by the Nationalist government prior to the liberation of Shanghai; and the third, 15 December, was held in honor of the Peoples' Self Preservation Corps. Many workers who attended these meetings were appointed delegates to the All-Shanghai Workers' Conference.
3. The shield on the badge worn by the delegates to the inauguration conference of the Shanghai General Labor Union on 7 February 1950 is a map of China on which the provinces of Sinkiang and Inner Mongolia have been omitted.
4. Executive Committee members of the Industrial Division of the Communist World Labor Association (sic) in Shanghai are:

CHEN Shao-min (陳少敏)	CHAO Kuo-chiang (趙國強)
K'ANG Yung-ho (康永和)	LI Chieh-po (李謙伯)
TAI Kuo-wen (戴國文)	YUAN Chih-ho (袁致和)
5. The Shanghai Railroad Workers' Union includes workers of the Shanghai-Nanking, Shanghai-Hanchow, Nanking-Wuhu, and Chekiang-Kiangsi Railroads. It has branch offices in Nanking, Nanchang, Chiuchiang, Hanchow, and

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Chisuyen (戚墅堰), with a total membership of 30,044. Officers of the Shanghai Railroad Workers' Union are:

Chairman: YU Chou (于洲)

Vice-chairmen: HSIEH Hao-jung (謝浩榮) CHIN Ch'ao (秦超)

CH'EN Chiao-yu (陳角榆)

Heads of branch unions: CH'EN Hsing-sheng (陳杏生)

CH'EN Ju-p'ing (陳茹平)

CH'EN Hsien-liang (陳念樑)

HU Chi-chen (胡啓震)

6. On 6 January 1950 twenty thousand factory workers from the China Textile Industries, mills 1 through 7, were told at a mass meeting to contribute voluntarily their wages and New Year bonuses for victory bonds.

- * Comment. The constitution of the Shanghai General Labor Union adopted 7 February 1950 is a restrictive and oppressive document behind a facade of democratic words and phrases. It is not the intention of those who were responsible for the drafting of the constitution to improve the working conditions or to raise the living standards of its members. The real aim of the union is clearly stated in the constitution - to unite Shanghai workers in the interest of greater production for the state. Since this aim is geared to the overall state policy, it is, in the final analysis, the regimentation of the national economy for the perpetuation of the Communist hierarchy. 50X1-HUM

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